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SUBJECT: GERMAN PRESS VIEWS OF EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING

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1. WEST GERMAN QUALITY PRESS PUT UNSENSATIONAL, DIVERGENT GLOSSES ON JUNE 16-17 MEETING OF EUROPEAN COUNCIL. LACK OF COMMUNIQUE FORCED JOURNALISTS TO DRAW ON BACKGROUNDERS, WITH MIXED RESULTS.

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2. IN GENERAL, GERMAN PRESS FOUND THAT MEETING PROD-

UCED MODEST ACHIEVEMENTS. MOST DECLARED THAT TIME OF REAL TESTING FOR INSTITUTION OF EUROPEAN COUNCIL LIES AHEAD. ERICH HAUSER ARTICLE, CARRIED IN SEVERAL WEEKEND PAPERS, SAID COUNCIL HAD PROVED ITSELF A "USEFUL DEBATING CLUB." INDEPENDENT "DIE WELT" AND OTHERS OPINED THAT IT NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER COUNCIL ABLE TO CONDUCT JOINT NEGOTIATIONS, OR MAKE POLITICAL DECISIONS. SEVERAL PAPERS ARGUED THAT FRANCO-GERMAN FULCRUM EFFECTIVELY ROBS COUNCIL OF DEMOCRATIC BASIS, WITH RESULT THAT "ALLIANCE OF POWERFUL" PULLS SMALLER MEMBERS IN ITS WAKE.

3. POINTS FROM MEETING WHICH COMMANDED PRESS ATTENTION WERE: (1) DECISION RE QUALIFIED AID TO PORTUGAL; (2) SCHMIDT'S AGREEMENT TO GISCARD'S PROPOSAL FOR MONETARY SUMMIT IN NEAR FUTURE; (3) ALLEGED SCHMIDT-GISCARD HARMONY OF VIEWS RE HOLDING PREPCON II EARLY THIS FALL, PLENARY ON RAW MATERIALS/ENERGY BEFORE YEAR'S END; (4) FORTHCOMING COORDINATED FRANCO-GERMAN MEASURES FOR REVIVAL OF ECONOMIES. IN LATTER REGARD, PRESS ALSO STRESSED SCHMIDT THEME THAT BASIC ECONOMIC PROBLEMS CANNOT BE OVERCOME SOLELY WITHIN FRAME OF EC. HILLENBRAND

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